

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

September 4, 1997

MINUTES

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education met for the regular business meeting in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building, Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, September 4, 1997, with the following members present:

Ms. Michelle Easton
Mrs. Lil Tuttle
Senator J. Brandon Bell
Mr. Rayford Harris, Sr.
Mrs. Kay James

Mr. Robert H. Patterson, Jr.
Senator John W. Russell
Mrs. Cheri P. Yecke
Dr. Richard T. La Pointe
Secretary and Superintendent of
Public Instruction

Ms. Easton, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Harris gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Russell made a motion for approval of the minutes of the July 24 meeting. Copies of the minutes had been distributed previously to all members of the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried unanimously.

HIGHLIGHT ON STUDENTS

Ms. Tarishima Q. Hardy, 1997 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Richmond City Public Schools, sang for the public and Board of Education members. Dr. Deborah Jewell-Sherman, Acting Superintendent, Richmond City Schools, introduced Ms. Hardy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The motion was made by Mrs. Tuttle, seconded by Mrs. James, and carried unanimously for approval of the agenda as submitted.

CONSENT AGENDA

Senator Russell made a motion to adopt the following items on the consent agenda.

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund
Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund
Loans for Placement on Waiting List

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried unanimously.

Final Review of Financial Report on Literary Fund

The Superintendent's recommendation for approval of the financial report on the status of the Literary Fund as of June 30, 1997, was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

Final Review of Recommendations Concerning Release of Literary Fund Loans for Placement on Waiting List

The Superintendent's recommendation that funds be released for four projects in the amount of \$8,444,047, and funding for three projects in the amount of \$6,838,506 be deferred and the projects placed on the First Priority Waiting List was accepted by the Board of Education's vote on the consent agenda.

COUNTY, CITY TOWN	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Galax City	Galax Middle	\$2,122,100.00
Radford City	Radford High	714,508.00
Accomack County	Chincoteague Elementary	3,850,115.00
Accomack County	Tangier Combined	1,757,324.00
	TOTAL	\$8,444,047.00

First Priority Waiting List

COUNTY	SCHOOL	AMOUNT
Isle of Wight County	Windsor Elementary	\$5,000,000.00
Russell County	Lebanon Elementary	1,028,412.00
Russell County	Castlewood Elementary	810,094.00
	TOTAL	\$6,838,506.00

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ISSUES

Dr. La Pointe announced the Governor=s \$31.6 million initiative that will be used for remediation and teacher development.

Technical Amendments for 1998-2000 Budget

Mr. Harris made a motion to waive review of the amendments and that the amendments be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James and carried unanimously.

First Review of the Board of Education Meeting Dates for the Calendar Year 1998

The meeting dates and locations of the Board of Education were submitted for first review and will be discussed at the October meeting.

First Review for Request for New Academic Governor=s School

Mrs. Yecke made a motion to waive the first review and approve the Appomattox Governor=s School application contingent upon the following three conditions: (1) General Assembly funding, (2) that it will not affect any existing Governor=s Schools, and (3) successful completion of the renovation of the old Petersburg High School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons spoke during the public comment period:

Jerry O'Dell
George Tryfiates
Ann Christensen

Final Review of the Proposed Accreditation Standards for Public Schools

The Board of Education reviewed forty-four amendments suggested for the *Proposed Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia* adopted by the Board of Education on June 11, 1997. (See Attachment A). All admendments were approved with the exception of numbers 18, 34A, 40A, 40B, and 43A.

In addition to the previously mentioned forty-four admendments, the following two amendments were also considered:

(1) Mr. Harris offered an amendment to eliminate the section in the proposed Standards of Accreditation that would allow for options of Guidance Counselors in the public schools and that the Board retains the present position that it is required of all schools. Mr. Patterson supported the amendment. The motion was opposed by Senator Bell, Ms. Easton, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Yecke, Senator Russell and Mrs. James.

(2) Senator Russell made a motion to delete the last sentence in paragraph one on page 5 of the *Proposed Admendments to Regulations Establishing Standards for Accrediting Public Schools in Virginia*. The sentence has been rewritten. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Yecke and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion to adopt the *Standards of Accreditation*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris.

Board Roll Call:

Mr. Harris - Aye
Mrs. Tuttle - Aye
Mrs. Yecke - Aye

Mrs. James - Aye
Senator Bell - Aye
Senator Russell - Aye

Mr. Patterson was not available to vote.

Mrs. Tuttle made a motion that the Department of Education staff is permitted to make any necessary changes as they prepare the packet for submission to the Virginia Register and that the final document is reviewed and approved by the President of the Board before submission to the Virginia Register. The motion was seconded by Mrs. James and carried unanimously (See Attachment B, the final text of the *Proposed Standards of Accreditation*).

Governor George Allen

Governor George Allen made an unexpected appearance at the Board of Education meeting. On behalf of students, parents, and teachers from across the Commonwealth of Virginia, Governor Allen thanked the Board members for doing an outstanding, thorough, and an exemplary job in improving public schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Governor said that because of their efforts Virginia is continuing to lead the nation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Easton adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 1:00 p.m.

President